Pending cases in courts

2867. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:
DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMAA. HEPTULLA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that matters relating to compensation for acquired land, taxation and labour disputes, violations of terms of service and motor vehicle accident claims cases are clogging the courts;

(b) if so, the steps Government proposes to take to minimize its involvement against the citizens on such issues;

(c) whether Government has worked out any exercise to find out that in how many such coses the decisions have gone against the State;

(d) whether Government is aware that in majority of cases citizens are forced to file cases against the State; and

(e) if so, what Government is going to do to reduce this tendency?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) A number of cases instituted in the courts comprise the miscellaneous matters relating to compensation for acquired land, taxation and labour disputes, violations of terms of service and motor vehicles accident claims etc. Government has taken various measures including simplification of laws and procedures and increasing awareness among the citizes on such issues.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Cases are filed by the citizens for redressal of their grievances and for getting relief in accordance with the provisions of existing rules and laws.

Fast Track Court

•868. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be .rsed to state:

(a) whether problems are being faced in the timely disposal of cases in the absence of adequate number of Fast Track Courts, and also due to a large number of vacancies in such courts;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to increase the number of Fast Track Courts in the country; **and**

(d) by when the vacancies in these courts are likely to be filled?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) States have acknowledged the acute shortage of subordinate judges and the need to increase their number adequately so as to enable them to reduce backlog and provide an efficient, speedy and effective justice delivery system. The States have also stressed on the need to fill-up the existing vacancies in subordinate courts as well as High Courts at an early date and felt that the arrears could come down substantially if all the existing vacancies were filled on urgent